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In re application of

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MITRAL AND TRICUSPID VALVE REPAIR

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

5. (amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising the step of: adjusting the distance (D1, D2) between the anterior (8) and posterior (10) leaflet bases by varying the length of said stabilizing element (14).

6. (amended) A method according to claim 1, comprising the step of: attaching the stabilizing element (14) to the atrial side of each leaflet base (8; 10), said stabilizing element (14) serving as a support for said leaflets (4, 6).

8. (amended) A method according to claim 2, comprising the steps of: encasing said stearable applicator (32) (catheter) in an inserting device (guidance sheath) for